

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	*	CRIMINAL DOCKET NO. 07-306
V.	*	SECTION: "J" (1)
CHRISTINA MARIE BROOKS	*	

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FACTUAL BASIS

_____Should this matter have gone to trial, the government would have proven, through the introduction of competent testimony and admissible, tangible exhibits, the following facts, beyond a reasonable doubt, to support the allegations in the bill of information now pending against the defendant:

The defendant, **CHRISTINA MARIE BROOKS** (hereinafter "**BROOKS**") has agreed to plead guilty as charged to the one-count bill of information charging her with delay of mail, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1703(b).

A United States Postal Inspection Agent (hereinafter "agent") would testify that on or about April 19, 20007, Ms. Ruth A. M., who formerly resided at 5855 Walnut Creek Road, Apt. G248, River Ridge, LA 70123, contacted him and informed him that a cashier at Money Mart located at 3400 South Claiborne Avenue, New Orleans, LA , contacted her and asked

if she misplaced her federal tax refund check. According to the cashier, on or about April 4, 2007, a female, later identified as **BROOKS**, presented check no. 80332858 in the amount of \$4,587.00, made payable to Ruth A.M. for negotiation. The cashier, who recognized **BROOKS** as a former coworker at a prior job and knew her name was not Ruth A.M., did not cash the check. She left her station and called a fraud investigator. When she returned, **BROOKS** left without the check. The cashier then returned the check to Ruth A.M. who presented the check to the agent.

The agent would further testify that he located **BROOKS**, and on April 26, 2007 interviewed her. After advising her of her Miranda rights, he questioned **BROOKS** regarding the check. **BROOKS** stated that she was visiting her boyfriend's apartment at 5855 Walnut Creek Road, Apt. G248, River Ridge, LA 70123 when he asked her to retrieve the mail from the apartment mailbox. In the mailbox was a piece of mail addressed to Ruth A. M. at 5855 Walnut Creek Road, Apt. G248, River Ridge, LA 70123. **BROOKS** stated that approximately one day each week her boyfriend would receive mail addressed to Ruth A.M. and that he usually returned the mail to the apartment office. **BROOKS** further stated that when she saw the mail addressed to Ruth A.M., she knew a check was enclosed because she had received checks in similar envelopes in the past. **BROOKS** retrieved the mail from the mailbox, opened the envelope and removed the check. **BROOKS** then signed Ruth A.M.'s name on the back of the check, wrote her own social security number on the check changing

one letter, then attempted to cash the check at a number of stores before finally going to the Money Mart.

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CHRISTINA MARIE BROOKS Defendant	Date
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